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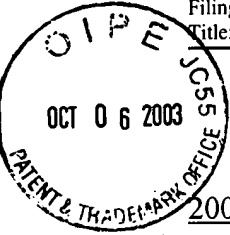
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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 23 is amended and new claims 43 and 44 are added; as a result, claims 1-44 are now pending in this application. Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 1-22 and 25-42.

Claims 23-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishibashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,621,774) in view of Gervasi (U.S. Patent No. 5,948,083). Claim 23 has been amended to make it dependent on allowed claim 11. Claim 24 remains dependent on claim 23.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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